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DIRECTION 27

ADDITION TO THE "OFFICIAL LIST OF FAMILY-GROUP NAMES IN ZOOLOGY" OF FAMILY-GROUP NAMES BASED UPON THE NAMES OF CERTAIN GENERA OF NON-MARINE MOLLUSCA PLACED ON THE "OFFICIAL LIST OF GENERIC NAMES IN ZOOLOGY" BY THE RULING GIVEN IN "OPINION" 335

RULING:—(1) The under-mentioned family-group names, each of which is the name of a family-group taxon, the type genus of which was placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology by the Ruling given in Opinion 335, are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Nos. severally specified below:—

- (a) Name of a taxon belonging to the Class Pelecypoda:

 PISIDIIDAE (correction of PISIDIADAE) Gray (J.E.),

 1857 (type genus: Pisidium Pfeiffer, 1821)

 (for use by any worker who may consider that
 the genera Pisidium Pfeiffer and Sphaerium
 Scopoli, 1777, the type genus of the taxon
 SPHAERIIDAE, belong to different family-group
 taxa) (Name No. 36);
- (b) Names of taxa belonging to the Class Gastropoda:
 - (i) ACANTHINULINAE Pilsbry (H.A.), 1926 (type genus: Acanthinula Beck, 1847) (Name No. 37);
 - (ii) ARIONIDAE Gray (J.E.), 1840 (type genus : *Arion* Férussac, 1819) (Name No. 38);
 - (iii) AZECIDAE Kennard (A.S.), & Woodward (B.B.), 1926 (type genus: Azeca Fleming, 1828) (Name No. 39);
 - (iv) CARYCHIIDAE (correction of CARYCHIADAE)

 Jeffreys (J.G.), 1830 (type genus: Carychium Müller (O.F.), 1774) (first published in correct form as CARYCHIIDAE by Jeffreys, 1862) (Name No. 40);

- (v) DISCINAE Thiele (J.), 1931 (type genus: Discus Fitzinger, 1833) (Name No. 41);
- (vi) EUCONULINAE Baker (H.B.), 1928 (type genus: Euconulus Reinhardt, 1883) (Name No. 42);
- (vii) HYGROMIINAE Geyer (D.), 1909 (type genus : *Hygromia* Risso, 1826) (Name No. 43);
- (viii) LAURIEAE Thiele (J.), 1931 (type genus: Lauria Gray (J.E.), 1840) (name bestowed upon a Tribus) (Name No. 44);
 - (ix) MILACIDAE Ellis (A.E.), 1926 (type genus: Milax Gray (J.E.), 1855) (Name No. 45);
 - (x) OTINIDAE Chenu (J.C.), 1859 (type genus : *Otina* Gray (J.E.), 1847) (Name No. 46);
 - (xi) PLANORBINAE Gray (J.E.), 1840 (type genus : *Planorbis* Müller (O.F.), 1774) (Name No. 47);
- (xii) PUNCTINAE Morse (E.S.), 1864 (type genus : Punctum Morse, 1864) (Name No. 48);
- (xiii) PUPILLIDAE (correction of PUPILLADAE) Turton (W.), 1831 (type genus: Pupilla Fleming, 1828) (first published in correct form as PUPILLIDAE by Kennard (A.S.) & Woodward (B.B.), 1914) (Name No. 49);
- (xiv) PYRAMIDULIDAE Kennard (A.S.) & Woodward (B.B.), 1914 (type genus: *Pyramidula* Fitzinger, 1833) (Name No. 50);
- (xv) RUMININAE Thiele (J.), 1931 (type genus : Rumina Risso, 1826) (Name No. 51);
- (xvi) SUBULINIDAE Thiele (J.), 1931 (type genus: Subulina Beck, 1837) (Name No. 52);
- (xvii) VALLONIIDAE Pilsbry (H.A.), 1900 (type genus: *Vallonia* Risso, 1826) (Name No. 53);
- (xviii) VALVATIDAE Gray (J.E.), 1840 (type genus : Valvata Müller (O.F.), 1774) (Name No. 54);

- (xix) VERTIGINIDAE Stimpson, 1851 (type genus: Vertigo Müller (O.F.), 1774) (Name No. 55);
- (xx) VITREINAE Thiele (J.), 1931 (type genus: Vitrea Fitzinger, 1833) (Name No. 56).
- (2) The under-mentioned family-group names, each of which is an Invalid Original Spelling for a name placed on the *Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology* by the Ruling given in (1) above, are hereby placed on the *Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology*:—
 - (i) PISIDIADAE Gray (J.E.), 1857 (type genus: *Pisidium* Pfeiffer, 1821) (an Invalid Original Spelling for PISIDIIDAE) (Name No. 43);
 - (ii) CARYCHIADAE Jeffreys (J.G.), 1830 (type genus: Carychium Müller (O.F.), 1774) (an Invalid Original Spelling for CARYCHIDAE) (Name No. 44);
 - (iii) PUPILLADAE Turton (W.), 1831 (type genus : *Pupilla* Fleming, 1828) (an Invalid Original Spelling for PUPILLIDAE) (Name No. 45).

I.—THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THE PRESENT "DIRECTION"

The present *Direction* contains the decisions taken by the International Commission for the purpose of giving effect, so far as concerns the names of genera of Mollusca dealt with in *Opinion* 335, to the General Directive given to it by the International Congress of Zoology that, when generic names are dealt with in *Opinions*, the family-group-name implications are also to be considered. The proposals on which the decisions in the present case were based were submitted to the Commission on 18th April 1955 in the following paper prepared by the

Secretary in consultation with Mr. A. E. Ellis, the original applicant in the case dealt with in the *Opinion* referred to above :—

Proposed addition to the "Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology" of family-group names based upon the names of certain genera of non-marine Mollusca placed on the "Official List of Generic Names in Zoology" in "Opinion" 335

By FRANCIS HEMMING, C.M.G., C.B.E.,

Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

The object of the present paper is to examine the family-group-name problems involved in the Ruling given by the Commission in *Opinion* 335 in which the names of thirty-four (34) genera of non-marine Mollusca were placed on the *Official List of Generic Names in Zoology* and to submit proposals to the Commission for the addition to the *Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology* of family-group names based upon the generic names in question where such action appears to be called for under the General Directives on this subject issued to the Commission by the International Congress of Zoology.

- 2. The grateful thanks of the Commission are due to Mr. A. E. Ellis (Epsom College, Epsom, England), the original applicant in the case dealt with in Opinion 335, for the investigations which he has undertaken for the purpose of placing the Commission in a position to reach decisions on the family-group-name aspects of the case dealt with in the foregoing Opinion. The Commission is much indebted also to Dr. L. R. Cox (British Museum (Natural History), London) for similar investigations which he has been so kind as to make.
- 3. The Reports referred to above show that twenty-two of the genera, the names of which are here concerned, have been taken as the type genera of family-group taxa. Twenty-one of the family-group names concerned are given in Annexe 1 to the present paper and it is recommended that these names should be placed on the Official List. For the reasons explained in paragraph 4 below it is recommended that no action should be taken at present in regard to the family-group name based upon the twenty-second of the generic names referred to above (Corbicula Megerle von Muehlfeld, 1811). In Annexe 2 are given three Invalid Original Spellings which under the Directives referred to above should now be placed upon the Official Index of rejected and invalid names of the family-group category. Annexe 3 contains a list of the twelve generic names dealt with in Opinion 335 which have not been taken as the base for family-group names.
- 4. For many years the generic name Cyrena Lamarck, 1818 (Hist. nat. Anim. sans Vertèbr. 5:551) was very familiar in the literature of the Lamellibranchs, the genus so named being the type genus of the

family CYRENIDAE. The discovery that the generic name Corbicula Megerle von Muehlfeld, 1811, was a senior synonym of Cyrena Lamarck led, however, to the disappearance of the name Cyrena in synonymy and to the substitution by most subsequent authors of the family name CORBICULIDAE for the family name CYRENIDAE. Under a decision taken by the International Congress of Zoology, Copenhagen (1953, Copenhagen Decisions zool. Nomencl.: 56, Decision 54(1)(a)) a family-group name is not, however, to be rejected when the name of its type genus is found to be either a junior objective synonym, or a junior subjective synonym, of some older generic name. Accordingly, the present position is that, although the generic name Cyrena Lamarck has long been sunk in synonymy and the name CORBICULIDAE has come into general use as the name of the family containing the genus (Corbicula), of which the name Cyrena is a junior synonym, the correct name for the family is once more CYRENIDAE and the name CORBICULIDAE becomes an invalid name. My recommendation is that at the present time the Commission take no action in regard to these names. This recommendation is based upon two grounds: (1) The decision by the Copenhagen Congress discussed above has been very severely criticised and there are grounds for expecting that a proposal (of which notice has already been received) that this decision be reversed will be strongly pressed at the next (Fifteenth) International Congress of Zoology when it meets in London in 1958. If such a proposal were to be accepted by that Congress, the name CORBICULIDAE would again become the oldest available name for the family concerned and the name CYRENIDAE would for the second time become an invalid name. It is clearly desirable therefore that the Commission should avoid complicating the issue by placing the first of these names on the Official Index of rejected and invalid names. (2) The substitution of the name CORBICULIDAE for the name CYRENIDAE caused confusion and inconvenience at the time when it was made but these difficulties have in the course of the years been substantially overcome. The Copenhagen decision will, if applied in this case, usher in a new era of confusion and lack of uniformity in the nomenclature of this group. The change required by the Copenhagen decision has not yet, I understand, been made and I gather that there is a possibility that specialists in this group may ask the Commission to use its Plenary Powers to prevent it from happening¹. For this reason it would be undesirable for the Commission to prejudice the issue by taking any action in this matter at the present time.

ANNEXE 1

Names proposed to be placed on the "Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology"

Class Pelecypoda

PISIDIIDAE (correction of PISIDIADAE) Gray (J.E.), 1857, Turton's Manual Land Freshwater Shells Brit. Islands (3rd ed.): xvi (type

¹ This question is being further examined on the Commission's File Z.N.(S.) 992.

genus: Pisidium Pfeiffer, 1821) (for use by any worker who may consider that Pisidium Pfeiffer and Sphaerium Scopoli, 1777, the type genus of the taxon SPHAERIIDAE, belong to different family-group taxa)

Class Gastropoda

- ACANTHINULINAE Pilsbry (H.A.), 1926, Tryon's Manual Conch. 27:186 (type genus: Acanthinula Beck, 1847)
- ARIONIDAE Gray (J.E.), 1840, Turton's Manual Land Freshwater Shells Brit. Islands (new ed.): 101 (type genus: Arion Férussac, 1819)
- AZECIDAE Kennard (A.S.) & Woodward (B.B.), 1926, Syn. Brit. non-mar. Moll.: xvi (type genus: Azeca Fleming, 1828)
- CARYCHIDAE (correction of CARYCHIADAE) Jeffreys (J.G.), 1830, Trans. linn. Soc. Lond. 16: 324 (type genus: Carychium Müller (O.F.), 1774) (first published in correct form, as CARYCHIDAE, by Jeffreys, 1862, Brit. Conch. 1: 299)
- DISCINAE Thiele (J.), 1931, *Handb. syst. Weichtierk.* 1: 578 (type genus: *Discus* Fitzinger, 1833)
- EUCONULINAE Baker (H.B.), 1928, Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad. 80:9 (type genus: Euconulus Reinhardt, 1883)
- HYGROMIINAE Geyer (D.), 1909, Unsere Land-u. Süsswasser-Moll. (ed. 2): 11 (type genus: Hygromia Risso, 1826)
- LAURIEAE Thiele (J.), 1931, *Handb. syst. Weichtierk*. 1:509 (type genus: *Lauria* Gray (J.E.), 1840) (name bestowed upon a Tribus)
- MILACIDAE Ellis (A.E.), 1926, Brit. Snails: 252 (type genus: Milax Gray (J.E.), 1855)
- OTINIDAE Chenu (J.C.), 1859, Manuel Conchyliol. 1:479 (type genus: Otina Gray (J.E.), 1847)
- PLANORBINAE Gray (J.E.), 1840, Turton's Manual Land Freshwater Shells Brit. Islands (new ed.): 256 (type genus: Planorbis Müller (O.F.), 1774)
- PUNCTINAE Morse (E.S.), 1864, J. Portland Soc. nat. Hist. 1:27 (type genus: Punctum Morse, 1864)
- PUPILLIDAE (correction of *Pupilladae*) Turton (W.), 1831, *Manual Land Freshwater Shells Brit. Islands*: 8 (type genus: *Pupilla Fleming*, 1828 (first published with corrected spelling as PUPILLIDAE by Kennard (A.S.) & Woodward (B.B.), 1914, *List Brit. non-mar. Moll.*: 2)
- PYRAMIDULIDAE Kennard (A.S.) & Woodward (B.B.), 1914, List Brit. non-mar. Moll.: 1 (type genus: Pyramidula Fitzinger, 1833)
- RUMININAE Thiele (J.), 1931, Handb. syst. Weichtierk. 1:554 (type genus: Rumina Risso, 1826)
- SUBULINIDAE Thiele (J.), 1931, Handb. syst. Weichtierk. 1:549 (type genus: Subulina Beck, 1837)

- VALLONIIDAE Pilsbry (H.A.), 1900, Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad. 1900: 564 (type genus: Vallonia Risso, 1826)
- VALVATIDAE Gray (J.E.), 1840, Turton's Manual Land Freshwater Shells Brit. Islands (new ed.): 79 (type genus: Valvata Müller (O.F.), 1774)
- VERTIGINIDAE Stimpson, 1851, Shells New Engl.: 53 (type genus: Vertigo Müller (O.F.), 1774)
- VITREINAE Thiele (J.), 1931, Handb. syst. Weichtierk. 1:587 (type genus: Vitrea Fitzinger, 1833)
- NOTE:—While it is believed that in each case the reference given is to the first place where the name in question was published, it must be understood in this as in similar cases already dealt with by the Commission that it cannot be certain that the earliest reference has been detected in every case.

ANNEXE 2

- Names proposed to be placed on the "Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology"
- PISIDIADAE Gray (J.E.), 1857 (an Invalid Original Spelling for PISIDIIDAE)
- CARYCHIADAE Jeffreys (J.G.), 1830 (an Invalid Original Spelling for CARYCHIDAE)
- PUPILLADAE Turton (W.), 1831 (an Invalid Original Spelling for PUPILLIDAE)

ANNEXE 3

Names placed on the "Official List of Generic Names in Zoology" in "Opinion" 335, which are not the names of type genera of family-group taxa

Aplexa Fleming, 1820 Arianta Turton, 1831 Balea Gray (J.E.), 1824 Cecilioides Férussac, 1814 Cochlicella Férussac, 1821 Geomalacus Allman, 1843 Retinella Fischer, 1877 Segmentina Fleming, 1818 Theodoxus Montfort, 1810 Truncatellina Lowe, 1852 Zonitoides Lehmann, 1862

Abida Turton, 1831

2. Registration of the present application: As explained in Opinion 335², the examination of the problem of how to complete at the family-group-name level the action taken in that Opinion at the generic-name level was conducted on the Commission's File Z.N.(G.) 78, which had been specially opened for that purpose. On the completion of that examination and the consequent submission of the present application, the foregoing problem was registered in the Commission's Z.N.(S.) Series under the number Z.N.(S.) 917.

II.—THE DECISION TAKEN BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE

- 3. Issue of Voting Paper V.P.(O.M.)(55)14: On 18th April 1955 a Voting Paper (V.P.(O.M.)(55)14) was issued in which each Member of the Commission was asked (1) to state whether he agreed "that, in conformity with the General Directive relating to the recording on the various Official Lists and Official Indexes of decisions in regard to particular names and particular books issued to the International Commission by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology, Paris, 1948, and with the General Directive supplementary thereto issued to the Commission by the Fourteenth International Congress of Zoology, Copenhagen, 1953, the entries as respects the family-group names involved in the cases relating to the generic names of non-marine Mollusca dealt with in Opinion 335, recommended in paragraph 3 of the paper numbered Z.N.(S.) 917 submitted by the Secretary simultaneously with the present Voting Paper [i.e. in paragraph 3 of the application reproduced in the first paragraph of the present Direction], should be made in the Official List and Official Index for the names of taxa belonging to the family-group, as there proposed" and (2), if he did not so agree as regards any given item, to indicate that item.
- 4. The Prescribed Voting Period: As the foregoing Voting Paper was issued under the One-Month Rule, the Prescribed Voting Period closed on 18th May 1955.

² See page 75 of the present volume.

- 5. Particulars of the Voting on Voting Paper V.P.(O.M.)(55)14: At the close of the Prescribed Voting Period, the state of the voting on Voting Paper V.P.(O.M.)(55)14 was as follows:—
 - (a) Affirmative Votes had been given by the following twenty-four (24) Commissioners (arranged in the order in which Votes were received):

Sylvester-Bradley; Lemche; Stoll; Hering; Tortonese; Vokes; Mayr; Boschma; Esaki; Miller; Hankó; Jaczewski; Prantl; Key; Mertens; Bonnet; Hemming; Dymond; Kühnelt; do Amaral; Cabrera; Riley; Bodenheimer; Bradley (J.C.);

(b) Negative Votes:

None;

(c) Leave of Absence, one (1):

Holthuis;

(d) Voting Papers not returned:

None.

- **6.** Declaration of Result of Vote: On 19th May 1955, Mr. Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission, acting as Returning Officer for the Vote taken on Voting Paper V.P.(O.M.) (55)14, signed a Certificate that the Votes cast were as set out in paragraph 5 above and declaring that the proposal submitted in the foregoing Voting-Paper had been duly adopted and that the decision so taken was the decision of the International Commission in the matter aforesaid.
- 7. Preparation of the Ruling given in the present "Direction": On 23rd May 1955 Mr. Hemming prepared the Ruling given in the present *Direction* and at the same time signed a Certificate that the terms of that Ruling were in complete accord with those of the proposal approved by the International Commission in its Vote on Voting Paper V.P.(O.M.)(55)14.

- **8.** Original References: The original references for the family-group names placed upon the *Official List* and *Official Index* of names of that category by the Ruling given in the present *Direction* are as set out in Annexe 1 to the application reproduced in paragraph 1 thereof.
- 9. The names of the genera which are the type genera of the family-group taxa, the names of which have been placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology by the Ruling given in the present Direction, have been placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology by the Rulings given in Opinion 335, in which Opinion are given the references for each of the generic names concerned.
- 10. The prescribed procedures were duly complied with by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature in dealing with the present case, and the present *Direction* is accordingly hereby rendered in the name of the said International Commission by the under-signed Francis Hemming, Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, in virtue of all and every the powers conferred upon him in that behalf.
- 11. The present *Direction* shall be known as *Direction* Twenty-Seven (27) of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature.

DONE in London, this Twenty-Third day of May, Nineteen Hundred and Fifty-Five.

Secretary to the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

FRANCIS HEMMING

Notice to Subscribers

The present volume contains *Directions* 14 and 27 and 28. The *Directions* numbered 15 to 26 are concerned with matters arising on *Opinions* published in the period up to the end of 1936 (*Opinions* 1—133) and are being published in Section C of volume 1 of the present work.